

Table 7-1
Leading nightly news story lines on science and technology, by topic area: 2013 and 2014

(Annual minutes of coverage)

Year and topic area/leading story line	Annual minutes of coverage
2013	
Science, space, and technology	
International Space Station mission in orbit	38
Meteor explodes over Russia's Ural Mountains	25
Computer networks targeted by coordinated hackers	22
Drone technology: miniaturized, unmanned aircraft	19
Air safety: in-cabin use of electronic devices	18
Cellular telephone/computer combo: smart phones	15
Asteroids/astronomy: rocks pass close to Earth	12
Internet Twitter website makes public offering	9
Internet search engine Google monitors browsing	9
Science and mathematics education in schools	8
NASA <i>Voyager</i> probe is leaving solar system	8
Meteors are visible in night sky falling to Earth	8
NASA <i>Apollo</i> manned moon missions remembered	7
Solar-powered plane experiment has no engine	6
Mars astronomy: NASA <i>Curiosity</i> rover mission	6
Comet Ison may be heading for Earth	6
Internet used for social networking	6
Videogame title, design, development trends	6
BRAIN Initiative plans to map neurological activity	5
Computer systems are vulnerable to viruses, worms	5
Highway safety: drivers' cell phone use dangers	5
Space tourism planned by Virgin Galactic	5
Biotechnology and basic medical research	
War on cancer research efforts	36
Genetic DNA biotech analysis predicts diseases	9
Prosthetics technology for amputees goes bionic	5



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2014	
Science, space, and technology	
Drone technology: miniaturized, unmanned aircraft	24
Space transportation uses privatized rockets	23
Space tourism planned by Virgin Galactic	21
International Space Station mission in orbit	18
Comet astronomy: European satellite mission	18
Cellular telephone/computer combo: smart phones	15
Internet social networking: Facebook is popular	14
NASA manned missions to Mars planning	12
Wristwatch modernized: body-monitoring computer	11
Science and mathematics education in schools	10
Internet website security is vulnerable to hackers	9
Computer systems are vulnerable to viruses, worms	8
Video cameras miniaturized in HD by GoPro	8
Television broadcast networks' free signal diverted	8
Commercial bank databases targeted by hackers	7
Automobile research into smart-car technology	7
North Korea suffers cyberwarfare attack	6
Instant text messaging with worldwide WhatsApp app	6
Computer networks targeted by coordinated hackers	6
Internet account passwords hacked at Gmail	6
Highway safety: drivers' cell phone use dangers	5
Mars astronomy: NASA <i>Curiosity</i> rover mission	5
Asteroids/astronomy: rocks pass close to Earth	5
Bitcoin is virtual currency/commodity combination	5
Internet wireless networks targeted by hackers	5
Taxi fleet monopoly undercut by online services	5
Meteors are visible in night sky	5
Biotechnology and basic medical research	
War on cancer research efforts	12
Spinal cord injuries and paralysis research	10
Organs grown in laboratory for replacement implant	5



	BRAIN = Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies; HD = high definition; NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
NOTES:	Data reflect annual minutes of story coverage on these topics by major networks ABC, CBS, and NBC, out of approximately 15,000 total annual minutes on weekday nightly newscasts. Story lines receiving at least 5 minutes of coverage in 2013 or 2014 are shown. Excluded from science, space, and technology are stories on forensic science and media content. Excluded from biotechnology and basic medical research are stories on clinical research and medical technology.
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